



Jimmy Lee Underwood

October 19, 1960 - July 25, 2020

Jimmy Underwood of New Castle Virginia flew to heaven July 25, 2020 to join his mom Francis and dad Jim; and to hold his precious grandson Gabriel.

He lived his life in service and protection. Jimmy was honored to serve in the USMC and continue his life's mission helping the weak and vulnerable to find stable loving homes. His life's calling was social work for foster children and adult protective services where he urgently and relentlessly advocated for and loved so many.

Jimmy treasured all children, and especially his own - Brandon Underwood; Tarenne & Chris Herron; Samantha & Ryan Wilkerson; Tessa Underwood. The beautiful grandbabies who captured his heart and kept him playing on the floor are Jaedyn Taylor, Bella and CJ Herron. Most of all, Jimmy loved Becky who he met when he was 11 years old. Jimmy leaves siblings Rob Underwood, Mike and Jack Hicks and Leigh Labbie. There are so many other in-laws, out-laws, relatives by blood or choice that made his circle whole and his world full of color and wonder.

Jimmy's spirit will live on. Every fall, he'll suit up in Lane Stadium and swagger in to "Enter Sandman". When an Eagles song plays, he'll be singing along. When we think of fried potatoes, sarcasm and caulk he will be there. And, every piece of duct tape will remind us of the many repairs he made to the invisible superman cape that he so tenderly wrapped around those in his care.

You made a difference on this earth. We will see you again on the other side Jimmy Lee. In honor of Jimmy please consider opening your heart and home to a child in need or supporting your Department of Social Services. Due to the pandemic we will have a family only remembrance. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Comments



“ Dear Family,

I am so sad to hear the news of Jimmy's passing. May your memories of him provide you solace during your morning.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Mullen Torosian

Suzanne Torosian - September 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Although I only knew Jimmy for a brief time, he was always willing to help his fellow coworkers and will be missed everyone in the office. I am so sorry for your family's loss.

Susan Goad

Susan Goad - August 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Jimmy blessed so many people with his faith and kindness. It's our hope that you and the family will find some comfort in your memories from years past. We will miss him. Mike & Wendy Hicks

mike hicks - July 31, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ I was very sad to hear that my cousin, Jimmy, has passed away. His father, Jimmy, and my mother, Margaret, were brother and sister. I hadn't seen Jimmy very much in recent years but I do know that everyone in our family knew he was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Our grandparents called him "Little Jimmy" and loved him dearly. I am very proud to know he chose a career in helping others. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family at this sad and difficult time.

Annette Yeatts
Blue Ridge, VA

Annette Yeatts - July 30, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Underwood and Underwood family,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the untimely passing of Jimmy.

Professionally, as judge, I came to know Mr. Underwood in the court system in connection with his life's calling as a foster care caseworker/social worker.

Jimmy was a remarkable gentlemen with unlimited compassion for all the deserving, yet disadvantaged youth whose lives he immeasurably improved. Everyone knew and admired how deeply he invested himself into bettering the lives of others. Jimmy was always polite and prepared for court, and it was obvious he had poured hours of time, effort and heart into protecting and advancing the best interests of many young people.

He believed in them and their potential!

But you and your grieving family already knew all this, far better than I.....

Jimmy's life was one well and lovingly lived; he was the very embodiment of a devoted family man, selfless professional and proud, tough Marine.

I am so grateful to have known him.....

Sincerely,

Paul A. Tucker

Paul Tucker - July 30, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Many prayers to you and your family! Jimmy was a very nice person!

Mary Ratliff - July 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Jimmy was a blessing to everyone who had the good fortune to know him. I am so very sorry. Love to you all, Molly

Molly Armistead - July 30, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ I am so saddened and my heart breaks for you. I have prayed for your comfort, and I will continue to pray.

Donita Price - July 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ We are so very sorry for the loss of our friend Jimmy. Our family has many special memories of the Underwood family from back when our kids were young. We will miss his friendship and the many laughs we have shared. All of you are special to us and we will be praying for each of you.

Much love,
Chris and Mike Ouellette

Chris Ouellette - July 30, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Leigh & Doug Labbie purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Jimmy Lee Underwood.



Leigh & Doug Labbie - July 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Your friends at KORE Foundation purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Jimmy Lee Underwood.



Your friends at KORE Foundation - July 30, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ Dear Becky and family.

So sorry for your loss, prayers for you and family.

Daryl Robinson

Daryl Robinson - July 30, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ Dear Becky and family,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my old close friend Jimmy! May God be with you and the family during this time of loss, sadness and grief!

As you know Becky, Jimmy and I go way back! Back in the days of playing football together in the '70's, Watching old Rocky Movies together! We were like brothers back in the '80's, smoking Benson and Hedges drinking bear, tubing the river and riding around in my Chevrolet El Camino. We were there for each other all the time, then life got in the way, marriages, children and our friendship grew apart..I just want you and the children to know, that God is there for you and your family, reach out and pray for his love, comfort and support. Faith in God will help you with all the trials and tribulations that life throws at you!

Your dear friend,

Frank Hale

Frank Hale - July 30, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ Becky and family please know that Jimmy blessed everyone he came in contact with in his short life. I am blessed to have shared our high school years together. Sending you Love, Hugs and Prayers.

Jeri Watson Elliott

Jeri Elliott - July 30, 2020 at 04:02 AM



“ Becky and family, I am so sorry to hear that Jimmy passed away. I remember your beautiful family at our 4th of July picnics in Shawsville. Sending my love and prayers to all of you. Brenda Ward

Brenda Ward - July 29, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ I'm so very sorry. My heart goes out to you Becky. My most sincere condolences to you and your beautiful family . Prayers and hugs for you and all your family. Please know I am with you in your heart dear friend. May all your wonderful memories give you comfort and peace. Fly high sweet Jimmy. You will be greatly missed my friend. Love you Becky.



Terri Cupp Gibson - July 29, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ We want to send our sincerest condolences to the family. May all of your special loving memories help to comfort you during this time of sorrow.

Paul and Barbara Mitchell - July 29, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Jimmy. May God surround you with his love and peace.



Joe and Susan White - July 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ We shared so many times when our boys were growing up together and Jimmy always ready to participate in any way to benefit the children. He brought kindness and love to those around without thinking about it. His memory will always be a positive one. Rest in Gods Hands.

Rebecca W Price - July 29, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ Diana Bayne lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Lee Underwood



Diana Bayne - July 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers for you all -Becky we loved you and Jimmy being our neighbors. We will miss his smile and him playing Christmas music in December. He was so gracious to share his Christmas Decorations with my two oldest grandsons which they remember. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out. We will miss him being next door!

Diana Bayne - July 29, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ I got the pleasure to have Jimmy in my life as I was one of the many children in foster care that he went above and beyond for. Jimmy would pay a monthly visit to my foster home and would always make sure I was doing okay. I have so many things to be thankful for because if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be the person I am today. He fought the system for US! He was our voice! I loved Jimmy so much. Ever month when he came to visit, he would take me to Bruster's to get ice cream! I looked forward to seeing him every single time. He took me to my drs appts. He took me to my court appointments. He didn't have to do that, but he did! He one time told me a very personal story and in that story he told me how much four leaf clovers meant to him. To this day, that is one of the many things that make me think of him. I will forever cherish the memories I have with Jimmy

Evelyn Lugo - July 29, 2020 at 02:26 PM